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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
HOUSTON DIVISION**

United States Courts  
Southern District of Texas  
FILED

*June 09, 2022*

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk of Court

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

v.

**CHRISTOPHER EDWARDS DOWELL**

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**Criminal No.**

**SEALED**

**4:22-cr-270**

**INDICTMENT**

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

**COUNT ONE**

**Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law  
(18 U.S.C. § 242)**

On or about February 10, 2020, in the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division, and within the jurisdiction of the Court, the Defendant,

**CHRISTOPHER EDWARDS DOWELL,**

while acting under color of law as an officer with U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and acting without a legitimate purpose, touched Victim A's breasts without her consent, thereby willfully depriving Victim A of liberty without due process of law, which includes the right to bodily integrity, a right secured and protected by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 242.

**COUNT TWO**

**Destruction, Alteration, or Falsification of Records in Federal Investigations  
(18 U.S.C. § 1519)**

On or about February 10, 2020, in the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division, and within the jurisdiction of the Court, the Defendant,

**CHRISTOPHER EDWARDS DOWELL,**

knowingly concealed, covered up, falsified, and made false entries in a record and document,

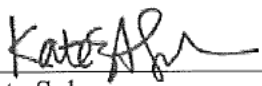
specifically a Secondary Inspection Report, with the intent to impede, obstruct, and influence the investigation and proper administration of a matter within the jurisdiction of the Department of Homeland Security – Office of Inspector General, an agency of the United States, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1519.

A TRUE BILL:

Original Signature on File

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